

10 October 1986

WORKING GROUP AGENDA

1. Review issues discussed with OPM by DD/OP/EBS and Chairman, Policy Group. Initiation of individual OPM contacts and issues to be discussed with OPM.
2. Discussion of Thrift Issues i.e., Tracking of Loan Repayments, Requirement for account numbers, IRS reporting requirements and Thrift package installation by December 1987.
3. Review of draft letters for Vendors.
4. Discussion of Integree issues, i.e., Thrift deductions policy for Integrees in an overpayment status; how wil we handle integrees charged 7.5% by State prior to designation in Special Category.
5. Discussion of Tasking Time Chart.
6. Group update on status of automation requirements, regulations, payroll modifications, replication of PAYCIARDS and PERSIGN.

25 November 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with Deputy Director of OMS re Processing of
Disability Retirement Cases

[redacted] of the Office of Personnel met with [redacted] Deputy Director of Medical Services on 18 November 1986 to discuss the internal administration of retirement programs and its impact upon OMS. Effective 1 January 1987, OMS will assume responsibility for medical evaluation and recommendations to D/Pers regarding applications for disability retirement from all Agency employees. The meeting was to ensure that OMS was aware of its role in this upcoming effort.

[redacted] expressed no apprehension or reservation with the additional responsibility his office will assume. His assumption, as is ours, is that the process will replicate that already established for applicants for disability retirement under CIARDS. [redacted] did note, however, that consistent with OPM procedures, it may be necessary to establish internal procedures for "reconsideration" of requests for disability retirement which had been previously disapproved, for employees making such requests.

[redacted] did express some concern re the criteria to be followed in recommending for or against disability retirement under CSRS. He indicated that under CIARDS, "fitness for duty" was taken into consideration in making a determination. He was unsure to what extent they would be able to do the same under CSRS.....that they would or could be as flexible with CSRS applicants. He said that OMS would have a better idea of how they would handle CSRS cases once they had some idea of the regulations and procedures to be adhered to. He also indicated a willingness to have OMS representatives meet with the appropriate representatives from OPM to discuss pertinent issues or concerns, if such a meeting was warranted.

Another area of impact [redacted] noted was the probability of increased funding needed to cover the cost of acquiring the services of "outside physicians" to serve as participants, as needed, on the Board of Medical Examiners. This board evaluates and makes recommendations regarding the applications for CIARDS disability retirement. More than likely the Board will meet more frequently once responsibility for CSRS cases come in-house. He did not believe that this would be a big task, but felt it was something which OMS needed to monitor. He also requested that we provide information to his office regarding the number of CSRS disability retirement cases occurring in recent years so that he can get some idea of the additional workload.

He requested that we continue, as always, to interface with []
[] Chief, Clinical Division, on disability retirement matters. We
indicated that we would be back in touch with [] once we had talked
with OPM about its criteria and procedures for making determinations on
Civil Service and FERS disability cases. It was also noted that some
changes might be necessary to bring us into compliance with OPM procedures.

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